

Scope:

This contract covers the estimated biennial (two year) requirement with two optional one year extensions for the State of California and participating local agencies for Cotton Thermal Blankets.

A local agency is any city, county, city and county, district or other local governmental body or corporation empowered to expend public funds (Public Contract Code #10298).

Supplier must accept orders by Facsimile or E-mail transmission:

Facsimile Number (800) 525-4042

E-Mail Address: amercare@verizon.net

Vendor Contact Name: Wendy Hemming

Vendor Contact Telephone Number: 800-556-6322

Price:

Pricing shall be firm for one year of the contract period with an option to escalate after the first year.

Pre-Production Samples:

The successful bidder will be required to submit bid samples per specification requirements. The samples shall be retained for comparison and control of future deliveries to the State. Samples must be received within 30 days of notification of the award. Do not submit samples with the bid. The sample shall be tagged with the bidder's complete name and address, the bid number, and bid opening date clearly marked on the exterior, and shall be clearly marked "sample". Failure to submit the required pre-production samples shall be cause for rejection of your bid.

Ship pre-production samples to:

State Office of Procurement
Procurement Engineering Lab
1700 W National Drive
Sacramento, CA 95834
Attention: Arlys Clinton

Delivery:

Delivery is to be completed in full within 90 calendar days of the receipt of order by the contractor.

CONTRACTOR IS REQUESTED TO MAKE DELIVERIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, ORANGE COUNTY, SAN BERNARDINO METROPOLITAN AREA, AND SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN AREA DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS. OFF-PEAK HOURS ARE 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.

Minimum Order:

The minimum order shall be 1 dozen blankets of a single color. Blankets will be ordered in even dozen lots of one color.

Quantity Estimates:

Quantities shown for each line item are estimates and are for evaluation purposes only. Actual purchases may vary from this pattern. The State will not be obligated to purchase contractor's excess inventory of any line item if actual purchases vary from the anticipated purchase pattern.

Ordering Procedures:**State Agency Ordering Procedures:**

Issue state agency orders to the contract supplier. State agencies will be sending a Contract/Delegation Purchase Order (STD. 65). The DGS's fee for state agency use is 2.13% of the value of the order (before tax or cash discount), maximum of \$7500. (This fee applies through June 30, 2004.) The DGS fee beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 is 2.56%.

Local Agency Ordering Procedures:

Issue local agency orders directly to the contract supplier. (Blanket orders are no longer issued by the Procurement Division for local agency use.) The DGS's fee for local agency use is 2.12% of the value of the order (before tax or cash discount), maximum of \$7500. (This fee applies through June 30, 2004.) The DGS fee beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 is 2.56%.

For billing, for both state and local agencies, send a copy of your purchase order to:

DGS-Procurement Division
Attn: Data Entry Unit
PO Box 989052
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9052

Invoicing Requirements:

The contractor is to render invoices as instructed on individual orders. Invoices shall include the order number, the contract number, the commodity code number, quantity, unit price, and extensions. State sales and/or use tax is to be added to each invoice.

Usage Reports:

The contractor is required to submit a detailed usage report and **hard copies of each purchase order placed against the contract for the respective quarter**. Usage Reports are required to be submitted every three months commencing from the date of the contract award. This report is to include the total quantities per item, item description per contract item number, and a grand total for the period. Failure to submit completed usage reports in a timely manner may be considered a breach of contract and subject the Contractor to General Provision 26, Rights and Remedies of the State for Default.

Send the Contract Usage Report with purchase orders to the following address:

Department of General Services
Procurement Division
Attn: Sherry Jacobs
P.O. Box 989054
707 3rd Street
West Sacramento, CA 95798-9054

Contractor Location:

Please list below the location to which individual orders should be sent:

Company Name: Amercare Products, Inc.

Street Address: P.O. Box 25326

City, State, and Zip: Seattle, WA 98165-2226

Person to contact: Wendy Hemming

Phone No.: 800-556-6322

Fax No.: 800-525-4042

Emergency Purchases:

In the event of an emergency, the State may purchase any required line item from other than the contractor.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Specification

Blankets, Cotton Thermal

- 1.0 SCOPE** This specification establishes the minimum requirements for three (3) types of cotton thermal blankets intended for institutional use.
- Type I - 66 x 90 100% cotton, cellular weave, thermal blankets
 - Type IA - 66 x 90 100% cotton, "snag free", plain weave, thermal blankets with construction that shall discourage dismantling by end users and minimize snagging in laundry
 - Type II - 74 x 96 100% cotton, cellular weave, thermal spread blankets
- 2.0 SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS** Specifications and standards referenced in this document in effect on the opening of the Invitation for Bid form a part of this specification where referenced.

The apparent silence or omission of any specification or detail shall mean only the best industry practices shall prevail.

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Configuration:

The **Type I and Type II blankets** shall be one piece, thermal type made from 2-ply cotton yarn in both the warp and fill direction. The body of the blanket shall be woven in an open cellular leno or mock leno weave with plain woven stabilizing pattern(s) and plain woven side borders terminating with selvage edges.

The **Type IA blankets** shall be one piece, made from 1 or 2-ply cotton yarn in both the warp and fill direction. The body of the blanket shall be woven in a square, diamond or checkerboard pattern plain weave construction, slightly raised from the flat surface and plain-woven side borders terminating with selvage edges.

Type I, IA and II Blankets:

Side Borders: The plain woven side borders shall be 1/2 inch, minimum, 6-1/2 inches maximum in width and extend the full length of the blanket.

Hemmed Ends: Both ends of the blanket shall have a minimum of 1/2 inch two fold hem using either single or double lockstitch with a minimum of 1/2-inch backstitch. All stitches shall penetrate all three (3) layers of basic fabric and be spaced minimum eight (8) to an inch. All stitches, seams and stitching shall comply with International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 4915 and ISO 4916.

The blankets shall be provided in the following colors and exhibit "good" colorfastness to laundering. Colorfastness shall be defined as the resistance of a material to change in any of its color characteristics, to transfer its color to adjacent materials, or both, as a result of laundering. "Good" colorfastness shall be defined as slight changes or negligible changes in shade.

Type I - White, jade or light green, pink or champagne, yellow or cream, and blue.

Type IA - White

Type II - White, jade or light green

The finished blankets shall conform to the following requirements when tested in accordance with the applicable test methods of Federal Test Method Standard No. 191. The size measurement shall be finished size not cut size.

Type I

Size: 66 (+ 3, -0) x 90 (+ 3, -0) inches finished size

Weight of Blanket (Method 5040): 3 lbs., minimum

Thickness of Blanket Thermal Weave: 4/32 inch, minimum
6/32 inch, maximum

Thread Count (Method 5050):

1. Border and Stabilizer Pattern 14 warp yarns/in. minimum
13 fill yarns/in. minimum

2. Leno Body 12 warp yarns/in. minimum
(Open cellular leno or mock leno) 13 fill yarns/in. minimum

Size after Laundering (Method 5550) - 5% maximum change overall

Type IA

Size: 66 (+ 3, -0) x 90 (+ 3, -0) inches finished size

Weight of Blanket (Method 5040): 3 lbs., minimum

Thickness - Thermal Weave: 4/32 inch, minimum
6/32 inch, maximum

Thread Count (Method 5050): 18 warp yarns/in. minimum
16 fill yarns/in. minimum

Size after Laundering (Method 5550) - 5% maximum change overall

Type II

Size: 74 (+ 3, -0) x 96 (+ 3, -0) inches, finished size

Weight of Blanket (Method 5040): 3 lbs. 10 oz., minimum

Thickness - Thermal Weave: 4/32 inch, minimum
6/32 inch, maximum

Thread Count (Method 5050):

1. Border and Stabilizer Pattern 14 warp yarns/in. minimum
14 fill yarns/in. minimum

2. Leno Body 14 warp yarns/in. minimum
(Open cellular leno or mock leno) 14 fill yarns/in. minimum

Size after Laundering (Method 5550) - 5% maximum change overall

3.2 **Material:**

Yarn: The blanket shall be made of cotton yarn that has been thoroughly cleaned, carded, drawn and evenly spun into 1 or 2 ply yarn as specified.

Thread: All thread used in hemming or binding shall be white or dyed cotton conforming to Federal Specification A-A-52094, Type I or II, Ticket No. 24, 4 ply, minimum. Comparable polyester threads, which meet the minimum breaking strength of the aforementioned cotton thread, are acceptable. The color of the thread used shall be the same as the color specified for the blanket.

3.3 **Workmanship:** The finished blankets shall be constructed utilizing first class workmanship in accordance with good commercial practice. The blankets when placed on a flat, smooth surface shall be flat with all sides and ends straight and parallel.

All blankets shall be clean and free from defects or other imperfections that will affect their appearance or serviceability. Any description of defects in workmanship shall be given under the most frequently used terms in accordance with ASTM D3990-Standard Terminology Relating to Fabric Defects. Material defects affecting appearance and serviceability shall be cause for rejection. Material defects shall include:

1. Imperfections due to yarn breakage, defects in pick, defects in warp (broken end, broken pick, float, fuzz balls).
2. Imperfections in color due to a transfer of color from the surface of a colored fabric to an adjacent area of the same fabric (crocking), or an unintended irregular stripe or discoloration in a fabric due to uneven absorption of a colorant (dye streak, dye stain).
3. Cuts or breaks that occur in the selvage or improperly woven selvage (cut selvage, loopy selvage)
4. Blankets shall not exhibit noticeable changes in appearance (holes or fraying of material) due to fabric defects after laundering.

4.0 **QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS**

4.1 **Inspection:** This commodity will be sampled and inspected for compliance to this specification as deemed necessary. Sampling and inspection by attributes will be in accordance with ANSI-ASQC Z1.4, (latest revision). An inspection lot is defined as one delivery to one agency at one time.

There shall be no noticeable difference in the appearance of production blankets received by the Agency when placed side by side with the production sample blankets retained by the State for comparison.

5.0 **PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY**

5.1 **Packaging:** Unless stipulated otherwise by the Invitation for Bid, the packaging of the blankets shall be twelve blankets, of one color only, to a sealed polyethylene bag. Comparable packaging with recycled content will be considered. Bidders are encouraged to offer product packaging with recycled content.

The shipping carton for the blankets shall contain twelve (12) or twenty-four (24) blankets of one color only.

All packaging and shipping shall conform to applicable Federal and State Regulations and conform to good commercial practices.

5.2 **Marking:** The blankets shall be labeled in accordance with Federal Trade Commission Rules and Regulations Under the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act.

The label must identify fiber, blend or fibers or combination of fibers present. Fibers less than 5% may be omitted. The label must also carry some form of identification of the manufacturer of the product. Imported items must be labeled with the country from which the product was processed or in which the item was made.

In addition, each sealed polyethylene bag shall include a label that states (1) commodity name and style number, (2) blanket size, (3) the intended usage, e.g. thermal blanket designed for institutional use.

Each shipping carton shall be clearly end marked with the manufacturer name, commodity name, quantity, size, color, and purchase order number or sub-purchase order number.

6.0 **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The bidder shall be a manufacturer authorized distributor and provide factory authorized warranty service for all blankets offered. **The bidder shall provide to the procurement division a letter from the manufacturer certifying the bidder is an authorized dealer for this product. Failure to provide the required certification letter shall cause rejection of the bid.**

7.0 **BID SUBMITTAL**

A certificate of compliance, which may be prepared by the mill, or the finisher, certifying in writing that the thermal blankets offered are in full compliance with this specification must be submitted with the bid. **Failure to provide the required certification letter shall cause rejection of the bid.**

7.0 **PRE-PRODUCTION SAMPLES**

The successful bidder shall submit one (1) pre-production sample of the following blanket types and colors:

- Type I – White, Colored blanket-Supplier's choice
- Type IA – White
- Type II - White

Pre-production samples shall be delivered to the address indicated in the contract within 30 days of notification of the award. The samples shall be exactly the same as the product that will be delivered, shall satisfy all requirements of the contract/specification, and shall be supplied at no expense to the State. The sample shall be tagged with the bidder's complete name and address, the bid number and bid opening date clearly marked on the exterior, and shall be clearly marked "Sample".

DGS Procurement Division's Contract Administrator team, which shall include DGS Procurement Engineers and DGS Procurement Contract Administrators will verify receipt of samples. Deviations, if any, will be itemized in writing and a copy will be forwarded to the successful bidder. Deviations must be corrected and another one (1) pre-production sample submitted with Certified Test Reports within 30 calendar days after receipt of the defect notification. Certified Test Reports shall be submitted in accordance with the attached Certified Test Report Requirements

If the re-submitted pre-production sample does not meet the requirements of the contract/specification, this failure shall cause rejection of the bid.

If the pre-production samples are found to be compliant to the specifications, they shall be retained by the State for comparison to production units.

7.0 CONTRACT TIME CYCLE PRODUCT TESTING:

The Procurement Division Contract Team at its discretion may elect to have the blankets tested for compliance to this specification. If the blanket(s) tested fail to comply with this specification the supplier shall bear all costs for the testing and immediately remove and replace the noncompliant blankets with compliant blankets within 5 working days of written failure notification. Failure of the supplier to remove and replace the blankets within 5 working days shall be cause to immediately declare the supplier in contract default. If the blankets tested comply with this specification the State will bear all costs for testing. The compliant blankets will be put into service.